

Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 14 October 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Becker, Col. White, [REDACTED]

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General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable from [REDACTED] (copy of which has been furnished DD/P) concerning [REDACTED] position on the [REDACTED] situation and stated that (1) the action [REDACTED] proposed was satisfactory; (2) he should be allowed to play the situation by ear in the future; (3) he (the DCI) would speak to General Bradley and ask him to advise [REDACTED] as indicated in (2) above.

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c. Briefly discussed [REDACTED] duties and stated if necessary he could be made Chairman of the Murder Board which "incidentally was doing a good job".

Mr. Wisner:

a. Left with the Director a memorandum concerning two articles of 5 and 12 October, respectively, in the NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR, written by Victor Riesel, and, after some discussion as to who might have inspired these articles, the Director undertook to look into this matter.

b. Briefly discussed the Director's proposal for new PRC procedures and noted he would have a paper on this for the Director prior to the PSB Luncheon on 16 October. The DCI stated that after this matter was agreed upon in principle he was considering asking the President to address a memorandum to the Secretaries of State, Defense and the DCI directing them to appoint top

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd)

level personal representatives who would form a small, compact, effective general staff whose function it would be to recommend to their appropriate Secretary and the DCI action to be taken on all projects and/or programs.

c. Noted that a cable had been sent to [redacted] advising him of the DCI's decision that the reduction in size of the [redacted] and its programs be pushed forward aggressively. (OUT 61265.)

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d. Briefly reported on the briefing held for the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 13 October and noted that Gen. Bradley had stated he fully realized that the Director could not comment on JCS proposals until they were formally presented to him.

e. Referred to the article written by Justice Douglas which will be published in a forthcoming issue of LOOK and stated that while by and large the article was acceptable to us it did [redacted] Mr. Wisner went on to say that an effort was being made to eliminate this particular portion of the article in question.

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f. Referred to a certain project concerning the establishment of an [redacted] and, after some discussion, the Director asked Mr. Wisner to have a very close look at this problem and then submit his recommendations. Mr. Becker suggested that this matter be discussed at the next "Deputies dinner". The DCI approved.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that Gen. Eisenhower had "raised a few questions" with [redacted] at the last briefing and suggested the DCI might wish to be briefed on this. The Director indicated that he did. (NOTE: [redacted] will see the Director at 2:45 today.)

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b. Noted that [redacted], had indicated he wished to see the Director on a certain matter. The DCI stated he would see [redacted] "the next time he was in Washington". (NOTE: [redacted] will so advise [redacted] office.)

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c. Noted that we had offered to brief Messrs. Foster and Nash prior to their forthcoming trip. In this connection, the Director stated that probably Mr. Foster could settle the [redacted] situation while he was in [redacted] and undertook to discuss this situation with Mr. Foster at the PSB Luncheon on 16 October.

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